COMMANDING OFFICER MARINE AVIATION WEAPONS AND TACTICS SQUADRON ONE POLICY STATEMENT ON RESTRICTION OF PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES WITHIN MAWTS-1 FACILITIES



The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance on the restriction of Portable Electronic Devices (PED). PEDs are an easily transportable electronic device which has a capability to record, copy, store, and/or transmit data, digital images, video, and/or audio.

PEDs are currently unauthorized in Navy/Marine Corps SCIFs per ICD/ICS 705 and Navy Security Message DTG 201510Z Oct 14, and further outlined in IC Tech Spec. Any device, to include wellness devices such as Kapture, Fit Bit, Nike Fuel Bands, etc., which allow data to be saved locally and downloaded to a smartphone or computer via wires (USB port) or wirelessly (Bluetooth or WIFI) are strictly prohibited.

The following list is not all-inclusive, but highlights how prolific and prevalent PEDs have become, and the need to carefully consider what is and is not allowed in secure areas. Pagers, Laptops, Cellular Devices, radios, CDs, PDAs, Tablets, MP3 players, Blackberries, iPads, iPods, smart watches, sound reducing headphones (e.g. Bose, Sony, Beats), digital cameras, electronic book readers, Google Glass, luggage trackers and other GPS or RFID trackers (including GPS watches).

Also of note, several nationally published magazines recently distributed mail advertisements containing micro-computers and SD and mini-SD-card memory cards. These, like most PED are prohibited in secure areas; illustrating how advances in technology outpace our ability to develop and implement security policy that controls introduction of new technology in our spaces.

To reiterate, any Portable Electronic Devices with GPS tracking or the ability to store and transmit data via cable or Bluetooth are specifically prohibited from all MAWTS-1 secure facilities, to include Building 406 and 510. Currently the only authorized PEDs are NIPR and SIPR computer assets, government issued blackberry/cellular phone devices and government issued/MAWTS-1 issued tablets.

While it is the responsibility of all hands to comply with security policy, SSO and Security Managers must remain vigilant against unauthorized introduction of any type of PED into secure areas. They must also periodically make sweeps of all areas under their cognizance. Any PED not specifically authorized in writing by an appropriate Authorizing Official must be removed and reported to the Security Manager or SSO as a security infraction.

JAMES H. ADAMS III Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps

Commanding Officer

Marine Aviation Weapons and Tactics Squadron One